



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 67

LCO No. 301

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

An Act Concerning Permanent Partial Disability Benefits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (b) of section 31-308 of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) With respect to the following injuries, the compensation, in
4 addition to the usual compensation for total incapacity but in lieu of all
5 other payments for compensation, shall be seventy-five per cent of the
6 average weekly earnings of the injured employee, calculated pursuant
7 to section 31-310, after such earnings have been reduced by any
8 deduction for federal or state taxes, or both, and for the federal
9 Insurance Contributions Act made from such employee's total wages
10 received during the period of calculation of the employee's average
11 weekly wage pursuant to said section 31-310, but in no case more than
12 one hundred per cent, raised to the next even dollar, of the average
13 weekly earnings of production and related workers in manufacturing
14 in the state, as determined in accordance with the provisions of section
15 31-309, or less than fifty dollars weekly. All of the following injuries
16 include the loss of the member or organ and the complete and
17 permanent loss of use of the member or organ referred to:

T1	MEMBER	INJURY	WEEKS OF COMPENSATION
T2			
T3			
T4	Arm		
T5	Master arm	Loss at or above	
T6		elbow	208
T7	Other arm	Loss at or above	
T8		elbow	194
T9	Hand		
T10	Master hand	Loss at or above	
T11		wrist	168
T12	Other hand	Loss at or above	
T13		wrist	155
T14	One leg	Loss at or above	
T15		knee	155
T16	One foot	Loss at or above	
T17		ankle	125
T18	Hearing		
T19		Both ears	104
T20		One ear	35
T21	One eye		
T22		Complete and	
T23		permanent loss of	
T24		sight in, or	
T25		reduction of sight	
T26		to one-tenth or	
T27		less of normal	
T28		vision	157
T29	Thumb*		
T30		On master hand	63
T31		On other hand	54
T32	Fingers**		
T33		First finger	36
T34		Second finger	29
T35		Third finger	21
T36		Fourth finger	17
T37	Toes*		
T38		Great toe	28
T39		Other toes	9
T40	Back		Number of weeks
T41			which the

T42		proportion of
T43		incapacity
T44		represents to a
T45		maximum of 374
T46		weeks.
T47	Heart	520
T48	Brain	520
T49	Carotid artery	520
T50	Pancreas	416
T51	Liver	347
T52	Stomach	260
T53	Loss of bladder	233
T54	Speech	163
T55	Lung	117
T56	Cervical spine	117
T57	Kidney	117
T58	Rib cage	Bilateral 69
T59	<u>Ovary</u>	<u>35</u>
T60	Testis	35
T61	Mammary	35
T62	Nose	Sense and respiratory
T63		function 35
T64	Jaw	Mastication 35
T65	<u>Uterus</u>	<u>35-104</u>
T66	<u>Vagina</u>	<u>35-104</u>
T67	Penis	35-104
T68	Coccyx	Actual removal 35
T69	Sense of smell	17
T70	Sense of taste	17
T71	Spleen	In addition to scar 13
T72	Gall bladder	13
T73	Tooth	Minimum 1
T74	Loss of drainage duct	
T75	of eye	
T76	(If corrected by	
T77	prosthesis)	17 for each
T78	Loss of drainage	
T79	duct of eye	
T80	(If uncorrected by	
T81	prosthesis)	33 for each
T82	Pelvis	percentage of back

18 *The loss or loss of use of one phalanx of a thumb shall be construed
19 as seventy-five per cent of the loss of the thumb.

20 **The loss or loss of use of one phalanx of a finger shall be construed
21 as fifty per cent of the loss of the finger. The loss of or loss of use of
22 two phalanges of a finger shall be construed as ninety per cent of the
23 loss of the finger.

24 ***The loss or loss of use of one phalanx of a great toe shall be
25 construed as sixty-six and two-thirds per cent of the loss of the great
26 toe. The loss of the greater part of any phalanx shall be construed as
27 the loss of a phalanx and shall be compensated accordingly.

28 If the injury consists of the loss of a substantial part of a member
29 resulting in a permanent partial loss of the use of a member, or if the
30 injury results in a permanent partial loss of function, the commissioner
31 may, in [his] the commissioner's discretion, in lieu of other
32 compensation, award to the injured employee the proportion of the
33 sum provided in this subsection for the total loss of, or the loss of the
34 use of, the member or for incapacity or both that represents the
35 proportion of total loss or loss of use found to exist, and any voluntary
36 agreement submitted in which the basis of settlement is such
37 proportionate payment may, if otherwise conformable to the
38 provisions of this chapter, be approved by the commissioner in [his]
39 the commissioner's discretion. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
40 subsection, the complete loss or loss of use of an organ which results in
41 the death of an employee shall be compensable pursuant only to
42 section 31-306.

LAB Committee Vote: Yea 11 Nay 0 JF